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High-level Dialogue on Interreligious and Intercultural Understanding and Cooperation for Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 61/221 of 20 December 2006, entitled "Promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace", in particular its decision to convene in 2007 a high-level dialogue on interreligious and intercultural cooperation for the promotion of tolerance, understanding and universal respect on matters of freedom of religion or belief and cultural diversity, in coordination with other similar initiatives in this area,

Acknowledging the developments in mutually reinforcing and mutually inclusive initiatives, such as the progress in the implementation of the plan of action on dialogue among civilizations, the appointment of the High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations and other interfaith and intercultural initiatives at the national, regional, interregional and international levels,

1. *Decides* to hold the High-level Dialogue on Interreligious and Intercultural Understanding and Cooperation for Peace on 4 and 5 October 2007 at the ministerial or highest possible level, and that it shall be organized as follows:

(a) Three plenary meetings, one on the morning of 4 October and two on 5 October 2007;

(b) The overall theme of the High-level Dialogue will be "Interreligious and intercultural cooperation for the promotion of tolerance, understanding and universal respect on matters of freedom of religion or belief and cultural diversity";

2. *Also decides* to hold an informal interactive hearing on the afternoon of 4 October with representatives of civil society, including representatives of non-governmental organizations and the private sector, to be chaired by the President of the General Assembly;

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3. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to determine the list of invited participants to the informal interactive hearing and its exact format and organization, in consultation with Member States, taking into account the views of the High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations, the relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, and to prepare an informational note on the organization of work of the informal interactive hearing;

4. *Also requests* the President of the General Assembly to include in his or her closing remarks the highlights of the informal interactive hearing and later to circulate a summary of the discussions of the informal interactive hearing;

5. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in cooperation with the concerned United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and other relevant bodies of the United Nations system, to contribute to the preparation of the High-level Dialogue and the informal interactive hearing.

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High-level Dialogue on Interreligious and Intercultural Understanding and Cooperation for Peace

Addendum

Add the following countries to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution:

Armenia, Belarus, Cameroon, China, Egypt, El Salvador, Guatemala, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Mongolia, Somalia, Thailand and Uzbekistan

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The Ethiopian Millennium

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the purposes and principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, in particular the achievement of international cooperation in the economic, social and cultural fields,

Affirming the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity, adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its thirty-first session,[1] including its appeal for greater solidarity on the basis of recognition of cultural diversity, awareness of the unity of humankind and the development of intercultural exchanges,

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome, adopted at the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly,[2] which recognizes, inter alia, that all cultures and civilizations contribute to the enrichment of humankind,

Acknowledging that the Ethiopian Millennium starts on 12 September 2007,

[1] See United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Thirty-first Session, Paris, 15 October-3 November 2001*, vol. 1 and corrigendum: *Resolutions*.

[2] See resolution 60/1.

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Taking note of the decision of the Government of Ethiopia to celebrate the Ethiopian Millennium through various activities aimed at advancing the national socio-economic, political and cultural goals,

Bearing in mind the contribution of the decision of the Government of Ethiopia to celebrate the Ethiopian Millennium towards the promotion of the culture of peace at the national, regional and international levels,

Welcoming the Declaration on the Ethiopian Millennium adopted by the Assembly of the African Union[3] at its eighth ordinary session, held in Addis Ababa, on 29 and 30 January 2007, in which it recognized the Ethiopian Millennium as a unique African occasion and called upon all member States of the African Union, the Commission of the African Union and regional economic communities to extend their support towards its successful celebration,

Recognizes the year from 12 September 2007 to 11 September 2008 as the year commemorating the Ethiopian Millennium.

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[3] See Assembly/AU/Decl.6(VIII).

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The Ethiopian Millennium

Addendum

Add the following countries to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution:

Central Africa Republic, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Honduras, Italy, Kazakhstan, Mauritius, Myanmar, Oman and Republic of Korea

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International Day of Non-Violence

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Charter of the United Nations, including the principles and purposes contained therein,

Recalling its resolutions 53/243 A and B of 13 September 1999, containing the Declaration on a Culture of Peace and the Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace, 55/282 of 7 September 2001 on the International Day of Peace and 61/45 of 4 December 2006 on the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World, 2001-2010, as well as other relevant resolutions,

Bearing in mind that non-violence, tolerance, full respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, democracy, development, mutual understanding and respect of diversity, are interlinked and mutually reinforcing,

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Reaffirming the universal relevance of the principle of non-violence and desiring to secure a culture of peace, tolerance, understanding and non-violence,

1. *Decides*, with effect from the sixty-second session of the General Assembly and guided by the Charter of the United Nations, to observe the International Day of Non-Violence on 2 October each year, with the International Day being brought to the attention of all people for its celebration and observance on this date;

2. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, regional and non-governmental organizations and individuals to commemorate the International Day of Non-Violence in an appropriate manner and to disseminate the message of non-violence, including through education and public awareness;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to recommend ways and means by which the United Nations system and the Secretariat of the United Nations could, within existing resources, assist Member States, upon request, in organizing activities to commemorate the International Day of Non-Violence;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take, within existing resources, necessary measures for the observance by the United Nations of the International Day of Non-Violence;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly informed at its sixty-third session on the implementation within the United Nations system of present resolution as regards the observance of the International Day of Non-Violence.

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International Day of Non-Violence

Addendum

Add the following countries to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution:

Andorra, Azerbaijan, Belize, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Central African Republic, Cuba, Cyprus, Djibouti, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Panama, Peru, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tonga, Tunisia, Turkey and Uruguay

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Promotion and protection of the rights of children: follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly*

Commemorative high-level plenary meeting devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Declaration and the Plan of Action contained in the final document of the special session of the General Assembly on children, entitled "A world fit for children",[1] and recognizing that their implementation is a major contribution to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and to protecting the rights and promoting the well-being of children,

Recalling the provisions of the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[2] which reflect the commitment of Member States to protect the rights and interests of children,

Acknowledging that the Convention on the Rights of the Child,[3] the most universally embraced human rights treaty in history, and the Optional Protocols thereto,[4] contain a comprehensive set of international legal standards for the protection and well-being of children,

Recalling its resolution 58/282 of 9 February 2004 devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of its twenty-seventh special session,

Recalling also its resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003 on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields,

* In order for the General Assembly to take action on the present proposal, it will be necessary to reopen consideration of agenda item 63 (b) and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

[1] Resolution S-27/2, annex.

[2] See resolution 60/1.

[3] Resolution 44/25, annex.

[4] Resolution 54/263, annexes I and II.

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Bearing in mind that, by 2007, several of the time-bound and quantified commitments set out in the Declaration and the Plan of Action should have been met and that other targets are to be met by 2010 and 2015,

1. *Decides* to convene a commemorative high-level plenary meeting to evaluate progress made in the implementation of the Declaration and the Plan of Action contained in the document entitled "A world fit for children"[1] on 11 and 12 December 2007;

2. *Encourages* all Member States and observers to be represented and to address the commemorative high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly at the highest possible level;

3. *Decides* that the commemorative high-level plenary meeting will comprise plenary meetings and two thematic interactive round tables;

4. *Also decides* that the President of the General Assembly, the President of the Economic and Social Council, the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund will address the commemorative high-level plenary meeting at its opening plenary meeting;

5. *Invites* intergovernmental organizations and entities that have observer status in the General Assembly, relevant entities of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, as well as those accredited to or in a collaborative relationship or partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund, to participate in the commemorative high-level plenary meeting;

6. *Decides* that a girl and a boy selected through a process led by the President of the General Assembly and organized by the United Nations Children's Fund and a representative of a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council will address the commemorative high-level plenary meeting at its closing plenary meeting;

7. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, following consultations with all Member States held not later than 30 September 2007, with due regard to gender balance and equitable geographical representation, to draw up and circulate a list of three speakers for the closing plenary meeting in accordance with paragraph 6 above and a list of twenty children and twenty representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, as well as those accredited to or in a collaborative relationship or partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund, who will participate in the two round tables on the understanding that ten children and ten representatives of non-governmental organizations will participate in each of the round tables and that non-governmental organizations in a collaborative relationship or partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund will be considered on a no-objection basis for a final decision by the General Assembly;

8. *Also requests* the President of the General Assembly, following consultations with all Member States and with support from the United Nations Children's Fund, to finalize organizational arrangements for the commemorative high-level plenary meeting, including the assignment of participants and the identification of themes and chairpersons for the two interactive round tables;

9. *Encourages* Member States and observers to include children and young people in their delegations participating in the commemorative high-level plenary meeting;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive analytical report on progress achieved and challenges remaining in implementing the commitments set out in the Declaration and the Plan of Action at least six weeks prior to its consideration by the General Assembly at its sixty-second session;

11. *Decides* that the chairpersons of the interactive round tables will present summaries of the discussions at the closing plenary meeting;

12. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to hold open consultations with Member States, the Observer State and observers in order to prepare, as an outcome document to be adopted at the commemorative high-level plenary meeting, a brief declaration reaffirming the commitment to the full implementation of the Declaration and the Plan of Action contained in the document "A world fit for children";

13. *Decides* that the arrangements for the commemorative high-level plenary meeting will in no way create a precedent for other similar events of the General Assembly.

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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Latvia, Lithuania and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: draft resolution

Question of the composition of the General Committee of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978,

Taking into account the considerable increase in the membership of the United Nations,

Taking also into account that the General Committee should be constituted so as to ensure its representative character on the basis of a balanced geographical distribution among its members,

Recognizing the unique circumstances that call for a temporary ad hoc decision on the composition of the General Committee,

1. *Decides* to suspend the application of the provision contained in paragraph 3 of the annex to its resolution 33/138 for the duration of its sixty-second session;

2. *Decides also* that this suspension shall take effect immediately and it shall cease to have effect at the close of the sixty-second session;

3. *Decides further* that without prejudice to further consideration of the issue by the General Assembly the terms of the present resolution shall not apply to the election of a President and Vice-Presidents of its sixty-third session;

4. *Notes* that the number of Vice-Presidents for its sixty-first session shall not change;

5. *Decides* that the twenty-second Vice-President shall be elected from the Eastern European Group, as provided for in paragraph 2 of the annex to its resolution 33/138, for the duration of its sixty-second session;

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6. *Decides* to include in the agenda of its sixty-second session an item entitled "Question of the composition of the General Committee of the General Assembly".